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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture Multi-Family Housing Program 2017

Industry Forums -- Open Teleconference and/or Web Conference Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces a series of teleconferences and/or web conference meetings regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Multi-Family Housing program, which will be scheduled on a quarterly basis, but may be held more often at the Agency's discretion. This Notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or web conference meetings.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy James, Loan and Finance Analyst, Multi-Family Housing, (919) 873-2056, or e-mail timothy.james@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Multi-Family Housing program
- Establish a two-way communications forum to update industry participants and Rural Housing Service (RHS) staff

- Enhance RHS' awareness of issues that impact the Multi-Family Housing program
- Increase transparency and accountability in the Multi-Family Housing program

Topics to be discussed could include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Updates on USDA Multi-Family Housing Program activities
- Perspectives on the Multi-Family Housing Notice of Funds Availability processes
- Comments on multi-family transaction processes
- Comments on particular servicing-related activities of interest at that time

Teleconference and/or web conference meetings are scheduled to occur quarterly during 2017. The dates and times for the teleconference and/or web conference meetings will be announced via e-mail to parties registered as described below.

Any member of the public wishing to register for the meetings and obtain the call-in number, access code, web link and other information for any of the public teleconference and/or web conference meetings may contact Timothy James, Loan and Finance Analyst, Multi-Family Housing, (919) 873-2056, or e-mail timothy.james@wdc.usda.gov and provide their name, title, Agency/company name, address, telephone numbers and e-mail address. Persons who are already registered do not need to register again. Individuals who plan to participate and need reasonable accommodations or language translation assistance should inform Timothy James within 10 business day in advance of the meeting date. The teleconference and/or web conference meetings will be in compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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